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PROBABLE COMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA IDENTIFIED ON SOVIET EASTERN THEATER TRAINBORNE COMMAND POST ULAN-UDE, USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A PROBABLE MAST ANTENNA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ON THE SOVIET FAR EAST THEATER TRAINBORNE COMMAND POST (TBCP)

WAS IN ITS USUAL STAGING AREA AT THE ULAN-UDE FAR EASTERN HIGH COMMAND OF FORCES TVD HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX. THIS IS THE FIRST CONFIRMATION ON IMAGERY OF A COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY ORGANIC TO THIS TBCP. (SWN)

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REMARKS: THE RAIL CAR WITH THE PROBABLE MAST ANTENNA WAS THE FIFTH CAR FROM THE FRONT (EAST END) OF THE TRAIN AND ADJACENT TO A GUARD TOWER. THE ANTENNA

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CENTRALLY-MOUNTED ON THE ROOF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS RAIL CAR. THE ANTENNA WAS CONNECTED TO THE RAIL CAR BY A

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MOUNTING WHICH IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF THE ANTENNA WAS RETRACTABLE OR MANUALLY MOUNTED IN POSITION. AN ELECTRICAL RAIL LINE MOUNTING WHICH WAS FOLDED IN THE SECURE MODE WAS BEHIND THE ANTENNA. (SWN)

A CABLE WAS CONNECTED FROM THE WEST END OF THE COMMUNICATIONS RAIL CAR TO A JUNCTION BOX WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE REVETMENT HOUSING THE TRAIN. THE JUNCTION BOX IS PROBABLY A PERMANENT PLUG-IN SUPPLY POINT FOR ELECTRICAL POWER AND/OR LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS. (SWN)

THE SECOND RAIL CAR FROM THE REAR OF THE TBCP (NOT ON GRAPHIC) HAD A ROOF PATTERN SIMILAR TO THE CAR WITH THE ANTENNA. HOWEVER, NO ANTENNA WAS VISIBLE ON THIS SECOND RAIL CAR AND SNOW COVER INDICATED A LACK OF ACTIVITY WITHIN THE RAIL CAR. (SWN)

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ANALYSTS' COMMENTS - THE IDENTIFICATION OF A MAST ANTENNA ON THE TBCP CONFIRMS A COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY ORGANIC TO PREVIOUSLY, A WOODBINE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS THE TBCP. VEHICLE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE TRAIN (SEE NPIC EVENING HIGHLIGHT 9743, ITEM 2, 1 OCTOBER 1984). IT WAS ONLY OBSERVED ONCE AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH THE TBCP SINCE THE MAST HAS NOT BEEN SEEN PRIOR TO 31 IS UNCLEAR. DECEMBER, IT CAN BE ASSESSED THAT THE MAST IS PROBABLY NOT CONSIDERING THE PERMANENTLY MOUNTED ON THE RAIL CAR. HEIGHT OF THE MAST, IT PROBABLY IS UTILIZED ONLY WHEN THE THE SIMILAR ROOF PATTERN ON THE SECOND TBCP IS STATIONARY. RAIL CAR INDICATES A PROBABLE REDUNDANCY IN COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES, WHICH THE SOVIETS ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN. COULD ALSO ENABLE THE TBCP TO FUNCTION AS TWO SEPARATE THE IDENTIFICATION OF THIS ANTENNA ENTITIES, IF REQUIRED. IN THE OPERATIONAL POSITION MAY BE AN INDICATION THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL STAFF WINTER EXERCISE IN THE FAR EASTERN THEATER WILL BE COMMENCING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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